CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Cement Masonry









Do You Like...

- ... working with your hands?
- ... being outside?
- ... teamwork?
- ... solving problems?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Cement Masonry career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a cement mason, including:

- » Setting and aligning forms of concrete for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters.
- » Checking the forms that hold the concrete to see that they are properly constructed.
- » Smoothing and finishing surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools.
- » Patching voids and using saws to cut expansions.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Integrity and dependability
- » Attention to detail
- » Problem-solving

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a cement mason, including having:

- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Cement Masonry graduates go to work for construction firms or contractors. This work environment is team-oriented and requires cooperation and dependability. Typically, cement masons work normal, full-time business hours, but occasionally are on call on the weekends to finish big projects.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most Cement Masonry graduates is \$38,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.





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